NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT FUND: How a Funders' Collaborative Works

Funding Partners

- Helen Bader Foundation
- Northwestern Mutual Foundation
- Rockwell Automation
- Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund
- Harley-Davidson Foundation
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee
- Faye McBeath Foundation
- Daniel M. Soref Charitable Trust

Critical Success Factors

1. Utilizes the uniqueness of the community foundation
2. Permits "control" by funding partners
3. Employs a separate staff

Grantees

Technical Assistance Grants

- Improve management and governance
- Build organizational capacity
- Assess organizational effectiveness

Initiative & New Idea Grants

- Create new resources
- Strengthen nonprofit service infrastructure
- Address sector-wide issues

Fund Advisor Responsibilities

- Supports partner solicitation efforts
- Updates fundraising materials
- Coordinates committee meetings
- Provides staff support for the initiatives
- Promotes the Fund
- Analyzes and understands the needs of the nonprofit sector
- Represents the Fund in the community
- Assesses overall impact
- Reviews applications
- Conducts site visits
- Prepares proposal recommendations
- Evaluates grant outcomes
- Develops budgets and policies